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transit, none; pieces of baggage disinfected, none. October 20, steamship *Banes*; crew, 17; passengers from this port, none; passengers in transit, none; pieces of baggage disinfected, none; steamship *Kitty*; crew, 19; passengers from this port, none; passengers in transit, none; pieces of baggage disinfected, none.

Respectfully,

PAUL OSTERHOUT,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

Another case of yellow fever at Bocas del Toro.

BOCAS DEL TORO, COLOMBIA, October 23, 1901.

SIR: I have to report the existence of another case of yellow fever at this port, making the eleventh known case for the season.

The patient, Franz Raida (Austrian), resided in San Jose, Costa Rica, five weeks, then came to Port Limon, remaining eight days, and leaving there October 15 in a small open boat (such as are used to transfer cablegrams between this point and Port Limon), arriving in Bocas del Toro October 16, 8 p. m.; says he was in good health until taken sick during the night of October 18 with headache, backache, fever, and vomiting; no perceptible chill. On the morning of the 19th was seen by Dr. R. H. Wilson, an American physician recently located here and through whose courtesy I saw the case. Dr. Chas. S. Carter, medical representative quarantine board of Mobile Bay, and Dr. Herman B. Mohr, of the United Fruit Company's hospital, have also seen the case, and all concur in the diagnosis made by Dr. Wilson. I inclose chart of the case to and including to-day. Evidently in this case the infection did not originate at this port, but probably was contracted during his eight days' stay in Port Limon. The patient is furnished with a mosquito net, but he objects to the net being down during the day. Communication with other persons is forbidden, but as he is located in a hotel, no other place being available, strict isolation in my opinion is not carried out, although Dr. Wilson is doing his utmost to prevent a spread of the infection.

I have also to state that per steamship *Sunrise*, leaving here October 24, I will forward the following cablegram: "Wyman, Washington. One yellow Bocas.—Osterhout." I take this precaution owing to 2 fruit vessels having sailed from this port for Mobile during the afternoon of October 20.

Owing to the northerly winds now prevailing it is difficult to reach Port Limon with small boats, therefore, I deem it best to forward cablegram via Colon.

Respectfully,

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COSTA RICA.

Reports from Port Limon—Fruit port—No yellow fever.

PORT LIMON, COSTA RICA, October 19, 1901.

SIR: I have to make the following report of the conditions and transactions at this port during the week ended October 19, 1901:

Present estimated population, 4,000. Number of cases and deaths from yellow fever during the week, none; number of cases and deaths

from smallpox during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from typhus fever during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from cholera during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from plague during the week, none; number of deaths from other causes during the week, 3. Prevailing disease, malarial fever. General sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week very much improved, this being the first week since the last of July in which there were no cases or deaths from yellow fever. Of the 6 cases in October, 1 died on the 12th instant; the others recovered.

Bills of health were issued to the following vessels: October 14, steamship *Alleghany*; crew, 39; passengers from this port, 2; passengers in transit, 3; pieces of baggage disinfected, none. October 15, steamship *Barnstable*; crew, 35; passengers from this port, 3; passengers in transit, none; pieces of baggage disinfected, none. October 17, steamship *Olympia*; crew, 38; passengers from this port, none; passengers in transit, none; pieces of baggage disinfected, none. October 18, steamship *Hispania*; crew, 22; passengers from this port, none; passengers in transit, none; pieces of baggage disinfected, none.

Respectfully,

D. W. GOODMAN,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
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PORT LIMON, COSTA RICA, October 26, 1901.

SIR: I have to make the following report of the conditions and transactions at this port during the week ended October 26, 1901:

Present estimated population, 4,000. Number of cases and deaths from yellow fever during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from smallpox during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from typhus fever during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from cholera during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from plague during the week, none; number of deaths from other causes during the week, 6. Prevailing disease, malarial fever. General sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week very much improved, and but for malaria it could be called good. There has been no case of yellow fever in Port Limon for two weeks.

Bills of health were issued to the following vessels: October 20, steamship *Nicaragua*; crew, 19; passengers from this port, none; passengers in transit, none; pieces of baggage disinfected, none. October 21, steamship *Altai*; crew, 39; passengers from this port, none; passengers in transit, 10; pieces of baggage disinfected, none. October 24, steamship *Beverly*; crew, 34; passengers from this port, none; passengers in transit, none; pieces of baggage disinfected, none; steamship *Columbia*; crew, 19; passengers from this port, none; passengers in transit, none; pieces of baggage disinfected, none. October 25, steamship *Stillwater*; crew, 27; passengers from this port, 3; passengers in transit, none; pieces of baggage disinfected, 5. October 26, steamship *Venus*; crew, 27; passengers from this port, none; passengers in transit, none; pieces of baggage disinfected, none.

Respectfully,

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PORT LIMON, COSTA RICA, October 26, 1901.

SIR : As my report for this past week and the one for the previous week show, there has been no case of yellow fever in Port Limon or immediate vicinity since October 2.

The heavy and frequent rains which began about September 15 seem to have improved the sanitary condition of this port very much. An evidence of this is that for twenty-six days of September there were 37 deaths from all causes in Port Limon. For the corresponding twenty-six days of October there have been 15 deaths from all causes. Many nonimmunes have left the country, and I expect a cessation of the yellow fever until they or others come and the rainy season has expired.

The 2 ounce bottle of fluid extract of cedron seed arrived October 21, and was duly acknowledged. Should opportunity offer before I leave I will use it as directed; if not, I shall leave it with the consul with permission for Dr. J. L. Steggall, the physician of the United Fruit Company at Port Limon, to use a portion of it should he have yellow fever patients and desire to experiment therewith. He has promised to furnish me with notes and observations if he uses it.

Respectfully,

D. W. GOODMAN,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

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CUBA.

Report from Gibara.

GIBARA, CUBA, October 25, 1901.

SIR : Through the chief quarantine officer for the island of Cuba, I have the honor to inclose herewith the quarantine and abstract of bills of health reports for the week ended October 19, 1901. Nine vessels were inspected and passed on arrival and 11 bills of health issued vessels leaving the port. Four deaths occurred in the city of Gibara during the week, the causes of the same being as follows: Accesso-pernicioso, 1; chronic malaria, 1; tuberculosis, 2. No quarantinable disease has been reported.

Respectfully,

S. GOMEZ,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

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Inspection of immigrants at Casilda during the week ended October 25, 1901.

CASILDA, CUBA, October 25, 1901.

SIR : I herewith submit report of alien steerage passengers at this port during the week ended October 25, 1901. No transactions.

Respectfully,

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Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

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